

The Kiss of the Kiss.
The kiss of affection and romantic love is celebrated in the song and story of all ages. Sacred literature justifies and honors the holy kiss of religious sympathy and fellowship. The meeting of the lips has always been with our race the universal and natural and spontaneous expression of the most tender sentiment.

Now sanitary science pushes itself forward to degrade the kiss to the level of power gas and the many agencies by which noxious and infectious disease is propagated. It is demanding the abolition of the practice as a remnant of barbarous ignorance of the laws of health. It would subordinate romantic sentiment to cautious prudence and forbid the lover to embrace his sweetheart, even as a seal of their betrothal until they are able to produce medical certificates that they are free from the transmissible germs of disease.

For several years past prudent parents, under the instruction of their physicians, have guarded their young children jealously against the indiscriminate kissing which was once in vogue, lest those poisonous germs be transmitted to the babies. It is a reasonable precaution, for undoubtedly the danger exists, and as the germ theory of disease is more generally accepted, peril of such contact is appreciated the more intelligently. If, then, there is a serious risk for children in careless kissing, say the preachers of sanitary science, it is a risk which older people must avoid also. Even the cherry red and pouting lips of beauty may convey material poison along with the rapture of love they express so romantically. The most ardent manifestation of masculine devotion may be the means of planting the seeds of disease, which will bring forth a fruitful crop of maladies sent down through generations. So says science.

Accordingly, the Secretary of the Ohio Board of Health has been urging the Pastors' Union of Sandusky to use their influence to put a stop to the practice of unscientific kissing, or kissing which is not carefully restrained by sanitary laws. He also warns them of the danger of using the same wine cup in administering the rite of the holy communion to different persons. He would not let women kiss each other after the prevailing fashion, and, of course, he discountenances the kissing of babies by every chance comer, and he would prevent kissing among the babies themselves.

Thus cold and prudential science is invading the realm of tender and romantic, poetic and religious sentiment, and destroying as a pest house the very temple in which the love of all ages has offered up its worship. It is an appalling revolution.—N. Y. Sun.

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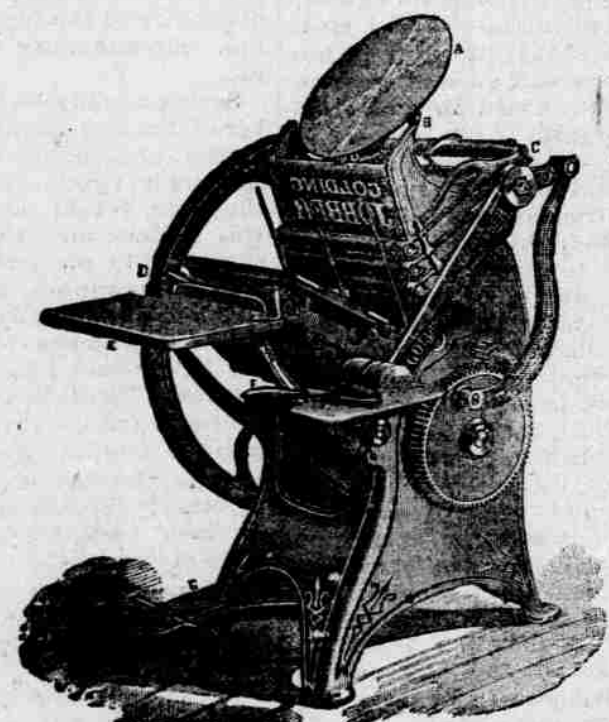
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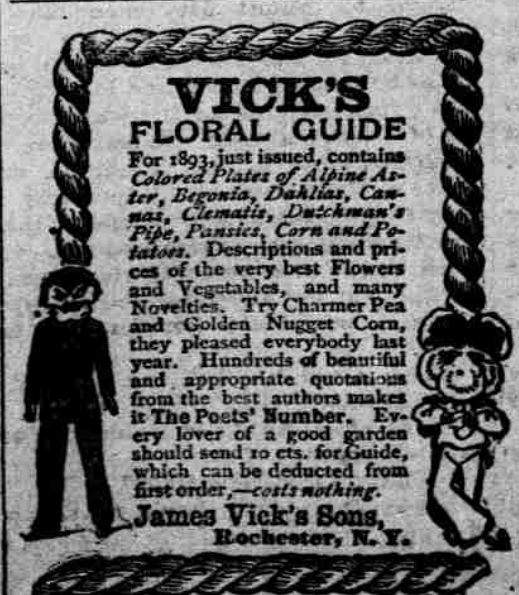
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